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## Bad reactions to H1N1 vaccine rare so far, says health official

FLU The country's chief public health officer says few Canadians have suffered serious side-effects from the swine flu shot.

Dr. David Butler-Jones says of the 6.5 million people who have received the H1N1 vaccine, only 36 have had serious adverse reactions.

"With any vaccination campaign, we expect to see some cases of serious adverse events," he said. "They are very rare, but they are part of all mass-vaccination campaigns and we expect to see a small number of them."

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Owen Bonnar, left, and Dwayne Schofield help set up a snowboard ramp yesterday in front of city hall. Olympic snowboarder Sarah Conrad will be sliding down the ramp today as part of the Olympic torch relay.

# Torch hits town

## Olympic relay scheduled to pass through HRM today

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# Something for everyone



After a long and eventful journey through communities in Canada's North, Quebec, Newfoundland and parts of Nova Scotia, the Olympic torch has finally arrived in Halifax.

The municipality's mo-

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The municipality's moment of Olympic glory is scheduled to start this morning at 11:30 sharp — and has been timed down to the minute.

Police and traffic officials are warning motorists to prepare for de-

lays as the flame is passed between more than 180 torchbearers in Cole Harbour, Dartmouth and Halifax — eventually finishing the day in Grand Parade Square, where a massive celebration is set to begin around 6 p.m.

Preparations were well underway yesterday as crews worked to make sure the relay goes off without a hitch. HRM event co-ordinator Mike Gillett said he's expecting a big crowd to turn up for the grand finale.

"I would say we're looking at 7,000 people in

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Grand Parade," Gillett said, adding that anyone wanting to secure a good spot should arrive by 5:45 p.m.

Olympic snowboarding hopeful Sarah Conrad was selected to light the community cauldron on the steps of city hall. The 24year-old will snowboard down Citadel Hill and then grab the torch from Sidney Crosby before running it toward the finish line.

"It's nice to give back to the community and really show them what all the support has enabled me to

do," Conrad said yesterday.
Originally from Dartmouth, Conrad is among several athletes who will treat the crowd to a snow-boarding demonstration on a 24-foot structure erected in Grand Parade especially for the event. She said she hopes the demonstration will encourage young people in the community to "grab a snow-board, not a video game."

# Teen accused of stabbing to stay in jail

**CUSTODY** A 16-year-old male accused of stabbing a fellow student Monday morning at Citadel High School will remain behind bars until at least Monday.

The alleged attacker, who can't be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is a Grade 10 student at Citadel High and was arrested late Monday night by Halifax Regional Police in the 2400 block of Creighton Street in Halifax.

The youth is facing charges of aggravated assault, possession of a weapon and breaching court orders.

The Crown opposed bail for the youth during a brief court appearance yesterday. The judge has scheduled a bail hearing for Monday.

According to Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley, the Grade 11 victim was entering the school just before 9 a.m. Monday when he was attacked allegedly by another student and stabbed with a sharp object during a subsequent fight.

The victim was transported to hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries. The suspect fled the scene.

This isn't the only court matter facing the alleged attacker. He is also scheduled to go to trial Dec. 22 on charges stemming from a separate incident from Oct. 29, 2008. Charges include theft under \$5,000, assault and uttering threats.

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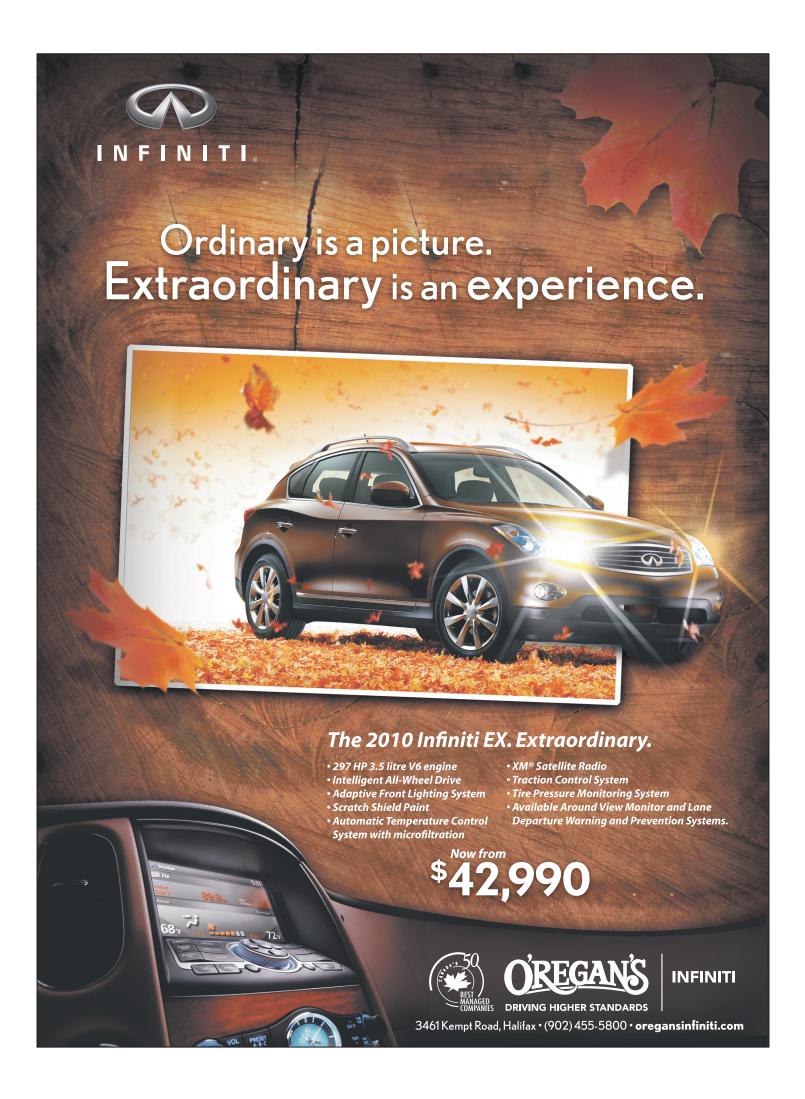
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## Mercer to host UNICEF Gala in town

Funny man Rick Mercer, left, has been named the guest speaker for the 18th annual Chefs for UNICEF Gala at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax on April 7 at 6 p.m. Mercer is a longtime supporter of UNICEF, with proceeds from this year's gala supporting the purchase of bed nets for families in Liberia and Rwanda. Tickets for the event go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. and cost \$200 each, taxes included. They are available by calling 422-6000.

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# Assessment clinic hours scaled back

## Flu Outbreak

HEALTH Capital Health and the IWK Health Centre announced yesterday they're changing the hours for the Flu Assessment Clinics in both Halifax and Dartmouth.

Citing the need to use limited resources for when the centre is busiest, starting today the clinics will be open from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., instead of 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The assessment clinic in Halifax is located inside the Maritime Hall at the Halifax Forum. The Dartmouth clinic is at 202 Brownlow Ave., Unit C-CR, in the Burnside Industrial Park.

Since opening the two clinics in late October, Capital Health says 4,700 adults and children have been assessed.

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Feed Nova Scotia volunteers David Lake and Paddy Muir sort through bags of goods at the Feed NS warehouse yesterday. According to a new survey, food bank usage was up 20 per cent this past March compared to March 2008.

# Food bank use soars

## Feed NS director urges more government aid

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Operators believe the recession is responsible for a groundbreaking spike in food bank use. But the same recession might prevent governments from addressing the problem.

Food bank usage in Nova Scotia this March spiked 20 per cent over March 2008, after years of decline. It was the second-highest jump in the country after Alberta's 60 per cent increase. A nation-wide snapshot of food bank dependence is done every March.

Feed Nova Scotia executive director Dianne Swinemar said the good news is

so far, donations by Nova Scotians have met demand. But she called on governments to give more money to social assistance to alleviate the pressure.

"Benefit levels are, in the majority of cases, not sufficient to meet even the most basic of human needs," she said. "In many cases, they're discouraged from making money. Once they reach a certain level of income, it's taken back from them."

Swinemar said many people on welfare lack the essentials — good clothes, phone lines, resumé training — needed to get jobs.

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter was asked on Monday whether he would hike social assistance rates. He dodged the question.

At the press conference where the premier said the recession has made spending cuts and tax hikes necessary, he was asked whether looming deficits would nix a boost to welfare.

Dexter wouldn't commit to more money, but instead focused on sensitivity to the poor in future economic moves.

"(Things like) consumption taxes hit those people on the lowest end of the economic scale hardest," he said. "So that's part of what's going to have to be dealt with over the coming weeks and months."

Over 20,000 individuals went to a food bank in the province this March.

# HRM to use debt cash to address rapid growth

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**VOTE** Halifax Regional Municipality is changing the way it deals with debt.

After several fiscally conservative years, regional council voted yesterday morning to decrease the amount of money currently being channelled each year into debt repayment — and divert it towards helping the city cope with rapid growth.

According to a release issued yesterday afternoon, the new five-year debt policy will still see debt decline by three per cent per year, but will free up some money to allow the city to invest in other projects.

Under the old policy, HRM could borrow up to 80 per cent of the amount of debt paid in any given year.

The city's chief financial officer, Cathie O'Toole, said the change was made in response to the city's rapid expansion over the past few years.

O'Toole added that some of the money could help to



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upcoming mayoral race may rival federal campaigns for scrappiness finance the new four-pad hockey arena in Hammonds Plains, which is currently facing an \$18.5-million funding shortfall.

During the afternoon session of council, the ongoing effort to cut down on bureaucracy at city hall got caught up in, well, bureaucracy, as councillors debated a new committee structuring plan for the municipality.

Rather than the current system in which dozens of committees have been created to address various issues, staff presented councillors with the option of creating four standing committees that would report to council on everything from environmental sustainability to transportation.

After debating the proposed change for over an hour, council ultimately voted to send the report back to staff for further consultation.



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IT company expanding to Halifax

Montreal-based IT company /n Spro is expanding to Halifax with plans to create up to 20 experienced jobs over the next five years. The province, through Nova Scotia Business Inc., announced yesterday it would support the company with a six-year payroll rebate of up to \$327,950. METRO HALIFAX

# Amnesty program nets 209 guns

# Response to Pixels for Pistols program unexpectedly high, police officials say

CLAIRE MILLIER for Metro Halifax

The guns keep pouring in for Halifax Regional Police's Pixels for Pistols program.

Police say for Week 2 of the gun amnesty program 108 guns were turned in, seven more than the first week, including 82 long guns and 26 hand guns. As well, over 2,000 rounds of ammunition

was collected.
That brings
the total to
209 guns —
including
161 long guns
and 48 handguns
— and over
4,000 rounds of
ammunition
collected since
the program

launched at the beginning of the month. "I think the re-

sponse we've had in the last two weeks has been a little unexpected, but we're quite happy to be busy," said police spokesman Const. Brian

Palmeter.

The Pixels for Pistols program, which ends Nov. 30, allows citizens to turn in a functional firearm in exchange for a new digital camera and a gift certificate from Henry's School of Imaging.

Police said after Week

1, the guns and ammunition collected had already
doubled the entire
weapons haul from the

## **Program info**

• To turn in your gun or ammunition, call 490-6977 or email gunamnesty@halifax.ca to arrange to have the items picked up. Weapons can't be brought to a police facility.

last time police ran the month-long program in 2006.

"We've had to bring in extra resources to handle the call volume that we had," Palmeter said. "So in that regard, we expect Week 3 to be similar to Week 1 and 2."

Non-functional firearms and ammunition are good for a gift card alone, and every firearm is checked to ensure it has not been used in a crime.

# Cape Breton police aim for \$21M headquarters

STATIONS The Cape Breton Regional Police Service wants to centralize its police officers under one roof in the regional municipality.

Police Chief Myles Burke presented a plan to the police commission yesterday to construct an estimated \$21-million headquarters, and close the existing police stations in North Sydney and Glace Bay.

Burke said the existing facilities were never meant for policing and will soon need upgrades if council decides against building a new central complex.

He didn't disclose where the proposed headquarters would be located, but he noted two sites have been reviewed by an architect.

CBRM chief administrative officer Jerry Ryan said Burke's proposal is possible but council would have to act quickly to ensure two-thirds of the funding could be covered by the federal stimulus fund, which stipulates all construction must be completed by March 2011

Ryan said CBRM's contribution of \$7 million could be reduced to \$3.5 million if "other sources" of funding are identified.

However, director of finance Marie Walsh cautioned the municipality's ability to borrow might be stymied by the size of the debt ratio to its operating budget.

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## Oceanography Voyage of Hudson remembered



Former crew members of the CCGS Hudson and their families walk up the ramp onto the ship outside the Bedford Institute of Oceanography yesterday. A ceremony was held yesterday to mark the 40-year anniversary of the first-ever circumnavigation of both North and South America voyage by the Hudson.

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November 26, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Halifax Forum - Multi Purpose Centre 6210 Young Street, Halifax

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# Police arrest 36-year-old for trio of Fairview area robberies

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**CRIME** Halifax Regional Police have made an arrest in connection to three recent robberies in the Fairview area.

Police say a 36-year-old Ketch Harbour man was to appear in Halifax provincial court yesterday charged with three robberies and a number of weapons related offences. Police say they arrested the suspect Monday afternoon at a residence in the 100 block of Ketch Harbour

Police allege the man is responsible for three robberies that took place over a period of about 13 hours.

Police said on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. a man entered TJ's Grocery on Main Avenue and produced a knife and demanded money.

Seven hours later, police say a man entered the Hub General Store at 3580 Dutch Village Road and demanded cash while producing a knife.

Police said the third robbery happened early Monday morning when a taxi driver was held up at knife point at Rufus Avenue and Birch Street.

## **News** in brief

COURT The man charged with first-degree murder in the death of a 30-year-old man found dead outside a residence on Saturday in Pictou County is remaining in custody until his next court appearance. Bernard Frederick Hartling, 35, is facing the murder charge in relation to the death of Kenneth Gregory McNamara. McNamara's body was found lying outside his home in Central Caribou near Pictou.

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**CAPSIZED** Two duck hunters narrowly escaped tragedy when they were rescued off the coast of Canso on Monday. The RCMP say Alex Parker, 25, and Darryl Grant, 24, were duck hunting when their small boat capsized. Police say the men were pulling in a line of decoys when it became tangled in the propeller, disabling the motor. The winds and current forced the boat into the rocky shoreline where the four-metre vessel capsized. Neither man was injured.

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## Apply for your heating assistance rebate

PROGRAM Applications are now being accepted for the province's Heating Assistance Rebate Program. The program for low and modest income Nova Scotians offers a cash rebate of up to \$200 for eligible applicants who heat their home with either oil, electricity,

wood, propane, wood pellets, natural gas or coal.

Families with net annual incomes under \$42,000 and single people under \$27,000 qualify for the rebate.

The province said in a release yesterday more than 54,000 applications were mailed to recipients of last year's rebate to encourage them to again apply for the assistance.

Applications are available at Access Nova Scotia centres, online at homeheatinghelp.ca or by calling 1-800-670-4357.

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### **Both City and Colour shows sold out**

Juno award-winner City and Colour has sold out both of its Halifax shows at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on Feb. 1 and 2. METRO HALIFAX local





Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly spoke last month at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new four-pad arena in Hammonds Plains. Kelly found out yesterday the province is committing \$2 million to the project, less than what he had originally projected.

# Arena funds short

## Province commits \$2M — out of promised \$13M

PAUL MCLEOD

### Halifax Regional **Municipality Mayor Peter** Kelly was in the rare situation of being disappointed to receive \$2 million yesterday.

The province announced it was kicking in a couple million dollars for the four-pad rink arena on Hammonds Plains Road. Much better than nothing, Kelly admitted, but statements by the province's health promotion minister Maureen MacDonald had them expecting more.

Originally, HRM had hoped the province and federal government would each pay a third of the \$39 million project. But the feds backed out, leaving questions about

## "We felt that a \$2 million commitment was a significant contribution."

Maureen MacDonald province.

In an interview with Metro in late October Mac-Donald said the province would kick in \$13 million to cover one third of the costs. But in the ensuing hours as word got out, government staff said a mistake had been made.

MacDonald said she had misspoke and while the government would provide money, the amount was still being worked out.

"Would we have liked them to honour the minister's commitment at first? Absolutely," Kelly said.
"That is what brings the disappointment that unfortunately ... she was not able to achieve that."

MacDonald said yesterday she had to look within her own budget. The pot for recreational facilities had only \$6 million left and 13 other requests.

"We felt that a \$2 million commitment was a significant contribution, given what was remaining in that program and the asks we still have to look at," she said, noting HRM still plans on running a surplus while the province is hundreds of millions of dollars in deficit

"I think if I were in the shoes of municipal council I'd be quite grateful that the province has been able to come in with a substantial contribution - \$2 million is nothing to sneeze at," she said.

## HRM adding rink shortfall to rest of its debt

BUDGET After being abandoned by funding partners, the Halifax Regional Municipality is facing an \$18.5-million shortfall in funding the Hammonds Plains four-pad arena.

The municipality had

hoped to share the cost of the \$39-million project evenly between the three levels of government. It will now only get \$2 million from the province.

HRM will now need to borrow \$2 million more

than its entire perennially overwhelmed snow removal budget. "We won't have any snow this year, laughed Kelly yesterday when this was pointed out.

Because the rink con-struction comes out of the capital budget, it won't appear on the books until next year. Yesterday council moved to throw the \$18.5 million into Halifax's overall debt strategy. Staff will later recommend how best to pay off the money.

Kelly stressed yesterday it was important to move ahead on the arena in order to address ice time and recreation space shortages.

"We had to make a decision and this council said the rink will be built. We were hoping for others to come to the table, they did not," he said.

"Are we disappointed? Yes we are. But are we going to stop the full project? Absolutely not.'

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## **News** in brief

CRASH An Antigonish-area man has been convicted of dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. Kyle Anthony Delorey, 31, was found quilty today following a threeday trial that began Thursday. Delorey was charged following a fatal crash in June 2008 on Highway 337 at Cape George. The car rolled over several

times and severed a power pole. A passenger in the car, 20-year-old Patrick Derek MacEachern, was killed. Delorey will be sentenced on Jan. 6. METRO HALIFAX



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The CBC has admitted it inadvertently displayed the jacket of an anti-Sarah Palin book during a story about the former vice-presidential candidate that aired on The National. The gaffe came Monday night during a piece on Palin's hotly anticipated new memoir Going Rogue: An American Life. The CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada



## Gorilla to choose son's name with snacks

For some parents the process of selecting their child's name is filled with long discussions, baby name books and never-ending lists, but for Charles the gorilla it will be as easy as choosing his morning snack. The western lowland gorilla at the Toronto Zoo will be presented today with five piles of treats and five signs corresponding to options for the name of his baby son, born Sept. 2. Zoo staff decided to let Charles choose his son's name from five names.

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CBC cops to Palin snafu



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, throw flower petals onto the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi during a ceremony in New Delhi, India, yesterday.

# PM defends possible nuke deal with India

POLITICS Terrorist threats and civilian nuclear commerce performed a delicate dance yesterday as the prime ministers of Canada and India pledged mutual co-operation on a pair of hot-button issues that could bedevil a renewed Indo-Canadian relationship.

Stephen Harper, near the end of his first visit to the South Asian giant since assuming office four years ago, sat down with Manmohan Singh to face a two-question news conference that managed to link two seemingly disparate issues.

The meeting came as India was putting its nuclear facilities on alert due to intelligence linked to a Pakistani-Canadian being held on terrorism charges in the United States.

So while Indian news media asked Harper, in effect, about the troubling case of Tahawwur Hussain Rana, Canadians were questioning how the case impacts on a looming renewal of civilian nuclear trade with a country that holds a rogue

## **Air India**

 Prime Minister Stephen Harper delicately reminded the audience that Canada's worst terrorism incident was the 1980 bombing of an Air India flight out of Vancouver that took 329 lives, mostly Canadians.

atomic arsenal.

India — which has never signed on to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty — used Canadian nuclear know-how to secretly build and test its first nuclear bomb in 1974, a development that soured relations for almost two decades.

"We are not living in the 1970s. We are living in 2009," Harper said. "Notwithstanding the challenges that face this country ... this is a stable and reliable friend of our country and we have no reservations pursuing this kind of (civilian nuclear) agree-

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# More turn to food banks: Study

HUNGER A new report says the recession is forcing more Canadians to turn to food banks, many for the first time.

Food Banks Canada, a national umbrella group, says visits to food banks in March this year were up 20 per cent from the previous March, the largest year-over-year increase on record.

Almost 800,000 people went to food banks across the country in March and one person in 10 was making a first visit.
The organization's annu-

The organization's annual HungerCount report says food-bank visits are up 61 per cent in Alberta, 20 per cent in Nova Scotia and 19 per cent in Ontario.

It also says that the problem of hunger is likely larger than suggested by the food-bank numbers because many people won't take the help, no matter how needy they are.

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# Money laundering fighter has too much info: Report

Security has led to 'insatiable appetite' for personal data, says Stoddart

The national agency that fights money laundering is collecting too much information about personal financial dealings, Canada's privacy watchdog says.

In her annual report, Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart also finds shortcomings with Transport Canada's no-fly list — a controversial initiative she has expressed reservations about for years.

Stoddart says the government's drive to secure public safety since the 9-11 terrorist attacks "has led to a seemingly insatiable appetite" for personal details.

"The unprecedented scope of government data collection that we are wit-



Jennifer Stoddart

nessing today heightens the risk of misuses and unauthorized disclosure," says the report tabled yesterday in Parliament.

"The consequences for individuals can be grave." Stoddart says the littleknown Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis "The consequences for individuals can be grave."

Jennifer Stoddart, privacy commissioner

Centre of Canada must scale back its data gathering.

The centre, known as Fintrac, zeros in on cash linked to money laundering, terrorism and other crimes by sifting through information from banks, insurance companies, securities dealers, money service businesses, real estate brokers, casinos and others.

"While the centre has

put in place elements of checks and controls, there are gaps that need to be addressed," Stoddart's report says

She found that, although suspicious transaction reports are reviewed and prioritized, they are not assessed for reasonable suspicion of money laundering or terrorist financing.

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## Toronto Moore talks on health care



Documentary maker Michael Moore speaks at a health-care conference in Toronto yesterday. Moore said Canadians have to stand on guard against creating two Canadas — one for the rich and one for the poor — when it comes to health care. He says Canadians seem to be on a misguided quest to become more like Americans when it comes to health care. As a result, Canadians are straying from one of their core principles of looking out for one another.

## Seal meat on the Hill's menu

FOOD Seal meat is about to join beef tenderloin and baked salmon on the haute-cuisine menu for MPs and senators in the parliamentary restaurant.

MPs say Parliament is picking up the fork from Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean, who triggered a global controversy last May by gobbling seal meat in a show of support for Inuit culture in the Arctic.

The parliamentary restaurant is one of the private gems on Parliament Hill. Its alabaster columns vault toward a ceiling spiked with several domes. A spectacular view of the Ottawa River is available to ministers, MPs, journalists and others who work on the Hill. Members of the public can only enter the restaurant as guests of those holding a parliamentary pass.

Jean chose a more downto-earth venue when she sliced and ate a raw seal heart from a carcass that had been laid out on the floor of a Rankin Inlet community festival on Hudson Bay.

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An official says the New York Police Department raided circulation offices at some of the United States' largest newspapers as part of a union corruption probe. Offices of The New York Times and the New York Post were raided yesterday. The official says the newspaper delivery system around the city is under investigation and the news organizations are not involved. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



## **Guilty plea in Smart abduction**

Wanda Eileen Barzee, charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, left, pleaded guilty yesterday as part of a deal with prosecutors and asked Smart to forgive her for all the pain she had caused. "I am so sorry, Elizabeth, for all the pain and suffering I have caused you and your family," Barzee, 64, said. "It is my hope that you will be able to find it in your heart to forgive me."

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## **Putin tears** the roof off

**RUSSIA** Putin in da house? Vladimir Putin is adding another groove to his tough guy persona: Hip hop idol. The Russian Prime Minister appeared on Muz-TV to hand out awards and declare that Russian hiphoppers can help fight drugs. "I have to say that young people involved in these arts give them their own Russian charm," he said Friday. Putin did not rap, but he did deliver his speech clutching a mike to the backdrop of a hip hop THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# **Prague remembers**

Twenty years after the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, Czechs celebrate Velvet Revolution

Thousands marched through the Czech capital of Prague yesterday in commemoration of a student protest 20 years ago that grew into the human tidal wave sweeping away the communist regime in what was then Czechoslovakia.

Today, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are European Union and NATO members. While the world recession has left its mark, their economies are among the strongest of the continent's former communist nations, and their democracies among the most resilient. Pragmatic Czechs in particular have moved into the European mainstream, with most citizens spending little time on any normal day looking back on their Velvet Revolution.

Nov. 17, 1989, began with fiery speeches at a university campus in Prague, inspiring thousands of students to march downtown toward Wenceslas Square. As darkness fell, police cracked down hard, beating demon-

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In this November 1989 file photo, a marcher in what became known as the Velvet Revolution carries a bust of former Soviet leader Joseph Stalin with a sign saying "Nothing Lasts Forever" in Prague, Czechoslovakia

strators and injuring hundreds. Unbowed, crowds mushroomed in the ensuing days, with demonstrators chanting: "You have lost already!'

They were right. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and communism in the region, by Dec. 10, Czechoslovakia had a new government. On Dec. 29, Vaclav Havel, a dissident playwright who had spent several years in prison, was elected the country's first democratic president in a half century. For many retracing the march, it was a joyful return to a time when repression proved no match for people power, which in a string of protests brought down the Iron Curtain across East Europe.

"I came here with hope," said Renata Krbcova, 45, who studied at Charles University in 1989.

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## Obama, Chinese leader promise teamwork

BEIJING U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao promised a determined, joint effort to tackle climate change, nuclear disarmament and other global troubles yet emerged from their first full-blown summit yesterday with scant progress beyond goodwill.

After two hours of talks and a separate meeting over dinner the night before, the presidents spoke of moving beyond the divisiveness over human rights, trade and military tensions that have bedevrelations in past decades. With each of those big issues - from global warming to the Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs — persist-ent differences bubbled up in the form of indirect barbs during the joint appearance.

Stung by new U.S. levies on imports of Chinese-made tires and steel pipes, Hu said he told Obama that given a still struggling global economy both countries

## **Row over bow**

 Some U.S. conservative commentators are seizing on President Barack Obama's deep bow to Japan's emperor over the weekend, accusing the commander in chief of grovelling to a for-eign leader. Obama greeted Emperor Akihito, whose father ruled when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, with a simultaneous handshake and nearly 90degree bow, sparking furious online commentary, much of it negative.

"need to oppose and reject protectionism in all its manifestations in an even stronger stand."

Obama later called on China to relax controls that keep the Chinese currency relatively weak and thus help fuel exports — something Beijing officials have rejected in recent days. Obama also pointedly raised human rights, saying they are fundamental THE ASSOCIATED PRESS to all.

## **News** in brief

**WASHINGTON** The U.S. army is preparing an internal investigation to examine whether it missed warning signs about the alleged shooter in the Fort Hood rampage, but top Pentagon officials may want a broader review of the tragedy. Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, is accused of

killing 13 people in the Nov. 5 shooting rampage at the Texas base. Defence Secretary Robert Gates and other leaders have held meetings on the tragedy, and Gates has not yet decided whether the army's proposed study fully addresses his concerns, a defence official said.

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# All the world's a stage

## Harper's song-and-dance routines have changed image



guess it's time to admit it: Stephen Harper has got his groove.

It's not easy to admit when you've always thought the PM was the Canadian equivalent of the Dark Lord, surrounding himself with a cabal of fundamentalist Christian Orcs who think the world is 10,000 years old and the little woman belongs in the kitchen, barefoot and denied birth control.

But even I have to admit that the PM is at the wheel in the fast lane and deserves to be there. It all started last month with a Little Help From His Friends, when Harper uncharacteristically crooned the Beatle tune at the pi-ano and solidified his political fortunes.

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of dancers.

panache, while Opposition Leader Michael Ignatieff, the Pierre Trudeau of the 21st century, comes off looking like that other Stéphane.

It's not all Harper, of course. Iggy made a bad trade, giving up reflection and discernment for equivocation and poll-watching.

He made the great mistake of trying to live up to his expectations right out of the gate by threatening the And this week, he took PM with a great thrashing,

Bollywood, of "It all started last looking like month with a Little  $\overset{the}{\dots}$  Help From His backup stable Friends, when cheeks all. Harper uncharacter-The All of a sud- istically crooned the recent song-

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and then, ex-

posed as a poseur, left the room in haste, pink and PM's

and-dance routine is just the latest from the man plan. He has managed to

keep the Orcs from savaging small children in public and has somehow kept his minority mandate alive through two opposition leaders and the worst recession since the Dirty

He's done it with discipline. And he's done it with a song, if not in his heart, at least on his lips. It doesn't matter if it's all spin. It is spin that sends the following message, apparently irresistible Canadians: This guy is tough but human. It's a strategy stolen directly from the playbooks of Messieurs Trudeau and Jean Chrétien, two other tough but humans. They were marvellous to watch, using whatever props were available to demonstrate their humanity. Trudeau could say more with a rose than any metrosexual alive today, and Chrétien was all hearty (and heartily fake) bonhomie.

Stephen Harper is standing on the shoulders of giants, and in the process, is starting to stand tall all by himself. Sing us another song, Mr. Harper; you're the piano man now.

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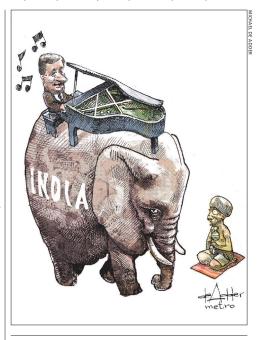
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## **Worth mentioning**

# Clogged arteries aren't new malady: Scientists

You can't blame this one on McDonald's: Researchers have found signs of heart disease in 3,500-year-old mummies

'We think of it as being caused by modern risk factors," such as fast

food, smoking and a lack of exercise, but the findings show that these aren't the only reasons arteries clog, said Dr. Randall

Thompson, a cardiologist at the Mid America Heart Insti-

Kansas City. He and several other researchers used CT scans, a type of Xray, on 22 mummies kept in the Egyptian National Museum of Antiquities in Cairo. The subjects were from 1981 BC to 334 AD Half were thought to be older than 45 when they died, and average lifespan was younger than 50 back then.

Sixteen mummies had heart and blood vessel tissue to analyze. Definite or probable hardening of the arteries was seen in

nine.

One mummy had evidence of a possible heart attack but scientists don't know if it was fatal. Nor can they tell how much these people weighed mummification dehydrates the body. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## We Know What You're Thinking

The number of Canadians who say that the snacks they typically eat are generally becoming less healthy.

## Word on the street: What do you think of professional athletes participating in the Olympic torch relay?

# **Natalie**

age 32, Halifax

A: I think it's nice to have a combination of regular people like me and athpromote (the relay).

## **Brennan** Crabb

age 24, Halifax

A: I think it's a good thing. I like to see the people I know running with the torch. I think that's



## Nancy **Bartlett**

age n/a, Halifax

A: I think it's fine, it brings attention to the torch relay. I think people are interested in what professional athVandaelle age 19, Toronto

A: I think it's an important way to raise awareness for the Games. It really brings people in ... It's good for expo-

## Lena **DaBrusin** age 19.

Vancouver

think Olympics should be amateurs, but the torch relay represents a universal event that anyone can participate so I think pro ath-letes should be able to participate as private people



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WHAT YOU'RE THINKING



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# Skinny TV best: CBC

The CBC says it has a simple solution to the battle over so-called television tax controversy facing cable and satellite subscribers.

The public broadcaster is telling the federal regulator it should force the carriers to offer a skinny service of Canadian stations at a cost lower than current basic service offered by cable firms.

CBC president Hubert Lacroix told the CRTC cable companies are growing rich on the signals they currently retransmit free from the broadcasters.

And he presented what

"Its pretty obvious that the Canadian BDUs (carriers) are winning this race to the top and that it's the Canadian consumer who is paying."

Hubert Lacroix, CBC president

he says is proof the system is broken, tabling graphs showing profits for broadcasters have been on a steady downward path since the introduction of cable specialty channels in the early 1980s.

He says cable firms like Rogers Communications and Shaw Communications have been raking in profits since cable fees were deregulated in 1998.

Lacroix says the cost to consumers of the basic cable package has risen four times more than the cost of living in the past decade. "Its pretty obvious that

"Its pretty obvious that the Canadian BDUs (carriers) are winning this race to the top and that it's the Canadian consumer who is paying," he said.

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## Caisse plans to improve returns

INVESTMENTS The head of the Caisse de depot says Canada's largest pension fund manager plans a change in strategy to ensure long term returns while also helping Quebec companies to better compete around the world.

Caisse CEO Michael Sabia says change is needed because old strategies no longer ensure future success.

"The world has changed and so has the Caisse," he told a Caisse-sponsored conference on the future of Quebec businesses around the world.

Sabia, who took the reins of the Caisse last March, said details of the new strategy will be unveiled in the coming months.

The financial company has simplified its structure and investment strategy, distanced itself from complex derivatives, is more focused on its core skills and manages risk better.

This was all done to ensure the organization has a solid foundation to better serve its customers, Quebec public agencies that deposit their pension funds.

Sabia says the Caisse plans to leverage its own expertise and broad global network to advance the province's competitive advantage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Technology Kindle is finally here



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos displays a Kindle at a recent interview in California. The Kindle is coming to Canada. Amazon.com announced yesterday the ebook reader, with its high-resolution 15-centimetre screen, is now available to Canadians. Scan the code on the right or visit metronews.ca for the full story.



## Dismiss suit, says bank lawyer

CASE A lawyer for Scotiabank says a class action lawsuit over unpaid overtime should be dismissed because thousands of employees involved in the case have individual claims.

Lawyer Robert Armstrong told an Ontario court that suggestions that a systematic problem exists at the bank with its overtime payments are false.

He says Scotiabank has

been unfairly targeted by lawyers who are involved in a similar case against CIBC that is under appeal.

The comments came during the second day of a hearing over whether Scotiabank should be required to pay overtime to current and former employees.

Cindy Fulawka is heading the lawsuit against the bank for about 5,000 employees.

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Brown and Conway take home AUS weekly honours

Halifax's Keisha Brown has been named Atlantic University Sport's female athlete of the week after scoring 30 points for Acadia in a win last Friday. Saint Mary's Huskies hockey goalie Neil Conway took the male honour. METRO HALIFAX







MacDonald gets cup of coffee
Judique's Andrew MacDonald became the latest Nova Scotian to
play in the NHL this season when he suited up for the New York Hockey League yesterday.

# Herd loves to drop the gloves

When push comes to shove, the Halifax Mooseheads start swinging — and they don't think twice.

The Mooseheads have shown they'll throw down the gloves at a moment's notice, setting an intimidating tone with 31 fighting majors in 24 games, second in the QMJHL

Designated enforcer Spencer Metcalfe, a 19year-old defenceman, leads all players with nine scraps, while 17-year-old blue-liner Garrett Clarke is second with seven.

Pugilism, it seems, is the name of the game.

"That's what a good team's all about — standing up for each other," said Metcalfe, who was described as a "big brother" by head coach Cam Russell when he was acquired from the Gatineau Olympiques in a pre-sea-



Mooseheads defenceman Garrett Clarke tangles with Montreal Juniors forward Pier-Antoine Dion in a QMJHL game earlier this month.

son trade.

"We do it when we need We have some tough guys who aren't scared to go, and if that's what it takes to get the guys going or turn things around, that's something we do.' Fighting is down in the

Q — way down. Last season, rule changes cut the league's total fighting majors nearly in half, from 1,133 to just 618.

Yet the Mooseheads are on pace for 87 fights, more than they've had since 2001-02 and almost double

last season's 44, which ranked third in the league.

"It might not be the same thing it was 10 years ago but all the fans and all the guys (on the team) love it," Metcalfe said.

"It's a team thing and it gets the guys going

## Fiaht numbers Halifax Mooseheads

fighting majors:

- Spencer Metcalfe 9 Garrett Clarke
- Sawyer Hannay
- Linden Bahm
- Charles Bety
- Seven players tied with

The Mooseheads are on a four-game winning streak and they've dropped the gloves nine times in that stretch.

That's more fights than any four-game stretch all season.
While that might be a

coincidence, the Mooseheads hope they're making life difficult for opposing teams.

"They don't like to play us, for sure," said forward Charles Bety. "We're a tough team to play against

All fight data courtesy of hockeyfights.com.

## Remparts goalie could be out for rest of season

**INJURY** Quebec Remparts goaltender Peter Delmas of Bedford could miss the rest of the season with a  $\label{eq:hip} \text{hi}\underline{\textbf{p}} \text{ injury.}$ 

The 19-year-old Colorado Avalanche draft choice has been sidelined since Nov. 7 with a hip injury that could require surgery, according to the Iournal de Ouebec.

Delmas, who was part of a blockbuster trade from the Lewiston Maineiacs in June, has been told by doctors to rest his hip for two to four weeks.

If the pain doesn't subside, Delmas may be forced to undergo seasonending surgery.

He has started 14 games this season, posting a 2.73 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage.

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# Mooseheads goalie gets high preliminary ranking for NHL draft

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SCOUTING Al Jensen is more than familiar with Mathieu Corbeil.

"The big honkin' goalie there in Halifax? Yeah, he's huge and he's very good — he's a very good prospect," said Jensen, who stopped pucks for the Washington Capitals in the 1980s and is now NHL Central Scouting's goaltending consult-

Jensen and Central Scouting think so highly of Corbeil, they placed him second among QMJHL goaltenders in their prelimi-nary ranking for the 2010 NHL draft yesterday.

The 6-foot-6, 192-pound Mooseheads goaltender has put himself on the map lately, winning back-to-back QMJHL defensive player of the week honours with a 4-1 record, a 1.40 goals-against average and a .957 save percentage.

Corbeil's height isn't a

makes him an NHL "draft without

doubt." "When

looked at him, I said, 'Holy smokes, he's huge,'" Jensen re-Jensen recalled.

"But he's a big kid who plays big. There are a lot of big Mathieu goalies who are skin- Corbeil ny and crouch down really low ... But he's just huge. He's a monster in

there. And he battles. I like

first

misprint and Jensen said it how he battles to get his body in position."

Ahead of Corbeil on Central Scouting's list is Moncton Wildcats goaltender Louis Domingue, a member of summer's Canadian under-18 team. Domingue has a 2.50 goals-against average and a .915

save percentage in 17 starts

'Mathieu is right there with him," Jensen said.

Mooseheads rookie defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser checked in at No. 13. Although he is currently out of the lineup with a knee injury, he has been one of the team's top blueliners and has two goals and eight assists in 17 games.

Wildcats blue-liner Brandon Gormley is the No. 1 skater.

Dartmouth's Stephen MacAulay, a forward with the Saint John Sea Dogs, also made the list at No. 18.





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Greinke wins AL Cv Young

Zack Greinke won the American League Cy Young Award yesterday, beating out Seattle's Felix Hernandez after a spectacular season short on wins but long on domination. Greinke went 16-8 with a 2.16 ERA for the Kansas City Royals. Toronto's Roy Halladay finished fifth in the voting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **NHL Habs down 'Canes**



Carolina's Stephane Yelle tries to get his stick out of Montreal goalie Carey Price's skate after tripping him in the second period of the Canadiens' 3-2 shootout victory over the Hurricanes last night in Montreal.

# Fans need losing: Study

Leaf fans take note: A new study says gut-wrenching fear of defeat and outright despair are what make sporting events truly enjoyable for those watching.

That's the conclusion of an academic study of college football fans, set to appear in the December issue of the Journal of Communication.

"You don't want to be in

a great mood during the whole game to really en-Silvia said it. Knobloch-Westerwick,

one of the study's co-authors and a communications professor at Ohio State University.

Should the Leaf faithful take solace in this new information, now that their team apparently has a mere 1.7 per cent chance of making the playoffs

Apparently not. Defeat has to be a fear, not an expectation.

"The idea of suspense really comes when there is a possibility of win-Prabu ning, argues David, another of the study's authors. "If you have a really bad team, I don't think suspense is any big issue."

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## **Sports** in brief

LESNAR A friend of UFC champion Brock Lesnar says the ultimate fighter is back at his home in Alexandria, Minn., as he recovers from a bacterial infection, and won't make decisions about his career until his health has improved.

NFL Defensive co-ordinator Perry Fewell will be the Buffalo Bills' interim head coach, replacing the fired Dick Jauron. Fewell was given the job yesterday after Bills owner Ralph Wilson fired Jauron after the team's 3-6 METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Last week, British Columbia.-based Northern Lights College officially opened its new Aboriginal Gathering Place at its Fort Nelson campus. The gathering place features artwork and cultural artifacts commissioned by local Aboriginal bands. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Workology

## Niagara College hits the wine

Earlier this month, Niagara College held an opening ceremony for its new Wine Visitor and Education Centre at its Niagara-on-the-Lake campus. Set in the school's teaching vineyards, the \$3.6-million centre will showcase and promote the Ontario and Canadian wine industry, provide wine tourism information services, and feature academic and wine industry programming. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Toronto-natives and musical entrepreneurs DJ Baba Khan, left, and Jordan Fisher, far right, hope to show Dragon Arlene Dickinson how to spin talent into cash with their DJ school Scratch Lab on Dragons' Den airing tonight at 8 p.m. on CBC Television.

## What better time to take the entrepreneurial leap



ecession? What recession? Yes the economy is worrisome, and the re-covery "fragile," as world leaders keep telling us, but even amidst the lavoffs, there is plenty of vitality and creativity in Canada.

GM and Chrylser aren't hiring, but plenty of small start-ups may be ... and tonight's episode of Dragons' Den is a solid reminder.

The job numbers released two weeks ago were discouraging — a loss of 43,000 part-time jobs in Ocbut it would have been much worse if 27,000 new "jobs" hadn't been created by the growth in selfemployment. Hard-working, resourceful people are devising their own jobs.

an incredible What amount of creative and entrepreneurial energy there is in this country! Tonight in the Den you'll see great examples: A school for club DJs called "ScratchLab" (it offers a high school credit); radio and television programming for cats and dogs; and a system to turn waste from the fishing industry (lobster and crab shells) into fertilizer and pharmaceuticals. That's only part of tonight's roster of innovative ideas.

Two of the dragons, Ar-lene Dickinson and Robert Herjavec, recently told me their companies experienced tremendous growth during tough times. And that's not uncommon

throughout history, plenty of businesses have flourished and new strategies have been hatched during

challenging economies.

It was during the Great Depression that both Fortune Magazine and Busi-nessWeek began publishing. Home Depot opened its first stores near Atlanta in 1979 just before a recession, and expanded dramatically during a time that most companies were battening down the hatches.

I've heard more than a few business leaders talk about the fact that there's a great opportunity to capture business when competitors are being timid, possibly frightened by all the bad headlines. If you can make it now, you can make it anytime. A good thought for all the pitchers on tonight's episode!

Dianne Buckner is the host of the Gemini-win-ning Dragons' Den and on of the weekend an-chors on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

# Seasonal employees fuel the holiday rush

## Tis the Season

JON TATTRIE for Metro Canada

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and dissappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday. We tend to think of season-

al workers as following the rhythms of land and sea, fishing and farming as animals and crops reach an abundance, but for many workers the season they follow is signalled by the

ringing of cashregister bells during the holiday season.

Cana-Across da, a vast workshopforce of ping-mall Santas, office party caterers. Christmas retailers, tree outdoor decoraand fundraisers for charitable organizations is assembled to produce, ship and sell goods for the king of holi-days, in a holiday season that stretches for

Jim MacGregor, director of associate relations for Sears Canada, is one of many in the retail industry gearing up for the annual recruitment drive. In Atlantic Canada alone, the company is hiring about 200 extra staff to deal with

holi-

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er the end-of-year bills. It works well for Sears: Many of the extra workers are regular Sears shoppers. "It really represents our customers," Mac-

hiring," he says. "This time of year, it's more in the

While some of the sea-

sonal hires are hoping to

move on to full-time em-

ployment, a lot are universi-

ty students or parents who

don't usually work looking

to earn a little extra money

to buy holiday gifts and cov-

would help a customer."

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for seasonal, then typically that's what it is: They're looking for extra spending mon-

> For some forward-thinking seasonal workers, that extra money is earned in the summer. Grace Rivers is the corporate relations director at the

> > wide recruit-

"If they're coming just for seasonal, then typically that's what it is: They're looking for extra

spending money." Jim MacGregor, of Sears Canada

agency Adecco Employment Services. While retail outlets hire their own seasonal staff in the late fall, her firm works overtime for the summer holiday boom.

The "light industrial" areas of manufacturing and distribution for companies like Sears, Hudson Bay and Canadian Tire create and ship items over the summer so that everything is in place come the holiday season, Rivers explains. That creates a seasonal spike in demand for warehouse

"(Companies) know they have to ramp up their work force at a certain time. They get their product out, and then they ramp down.
"They know their sales

are going to increase over Christmas, but they planned for that last April, she says.

By the end of the year, many office workers are burnt out, that's where office party caterers come in, just one of the many forms of seasonal — holiday — employment.





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# Metro Drive

## 'Spa' on wheels

the Zoe Z.E. electric car concept, whose interior apparently mirrors a "spa-like experience." No surprise that the car was designed with help from cosmetics manufacturer Biotherm. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Accord with all the trimmings

IIM ROBINSON

Honda's 2010 Accord Crosstour is part of an emerging automotive segment of vehicles that have the qualities of a station wagon, a utility vehicle and a minivan but can't be categorized as either.

Like its cousin, the Acura ZDX, and the BMW X6, that arguable started it all, the Accord Crosstour is a fastback luxury tourer aimed at mature buyers with time, money and leisure on their minds.

Sit in the driver's seat and any previous Honda owner will feel at home right down to the shape and feel of the steering wheel. Like a BMW, everything is where you expect

But there is also a big difference.
The Crosstour is more

like the Acura with the use of premium quality materials such as wood trim separating the upper and lower, two-tone or monotone interior.

Seating is leather with surprising few options because most amenities like the 360-watt sound system with an array of speakers, USB device and MP3 jack, to name a few, are standard.

Because the sharp rearward rake of the back hatch appears to rob cargo room, Honda Canada offi-



The Honda Accord Crossover is based on the Accord sedan but looks larger due to its higher ride height.

cials made a big thing about capacity at the press launch.

Behind 60/40 split/fold Online inventory at rear seat there MYCARSVILLE.CA are 728 litreswith the cargo floor flat. Lift this up and there is a 54litre bin concealed which has two, fourlitre cubbies on each side. The floor panel is carpeted on one side and plas-

tic on the other so it can be used to haul stuff like plants and soil and then be hosed off after

If they decided to go

down a rutted cottage country path, the Accord Crosslitre, SOHC V6 producing 271 hp and 254 lb/ft of

wheel-drive version (FWD) 12.3/8.0L/100 torque. city/highway for the AWD. The Crosstour is fully fitted out with safety features like six airbags, active front headrests

(which is crucial in my opinion), fourwheel disc brakes with ABS (with brake assist and electronic brake force distribution),

pressure tire monitoring, and Honda Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) with traction control. On the highway it feels 2010 **Honda Accord** 

Type: Crossover station waaon

Price: from \$36,000 (estimate) Engine: 3.5-litre SOHC, V6 (271 hp, 254 lb/ft)

Highlights

The interior is very upscale, but it retains the classic Honda

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seat

layout that will be familiar to any Honda owner.

ciency, moderate power

need, and full power needs

respectively.
With the standard five-

speed automatic transmis-

sion, fuel economy is rated

11.5/7.2L/100

city/highway for the front-

- Luxury look with Honda feel
- Solid on road AWD option

solid, but not heavy. It tracks and sticks with the blend of handling and braking that keeps people coming back to buy another Honda.

Cruising long distances is what the Accord Crosstour is really good at, although it acquits itself just fine in urban settings.



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has all-wheel-drive (AWD) as an option.

There is one engine offered in the form of a 3.5-

It features Honda's Variable Cylinder Management that lets it run on 3-4-6 cylinders for cruising effi-

JUSTIN PRITCHARD

MODEL: 1998 to 2005 Volkswagen Beetle **VEHICLE TYPE:** Coupe or

convertible APPROXIMATE USED CAR PRICE RANGE: \$2,500 to \$19,000

## **HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:** The

VW New Beetle was probably the most successful retro-car resurrection of all time. When VW re-introduced the model back in 1998, it quickly gained enormous popularity, flew off dealer lots, and won countless awards. VW had

a hit on their hands.

The New Beetle got much of the original's funloving attitude and cheeky character - though it shared its guts with the new Jetta and Golf. Originally, the New

Beetle was available with a 2.0 Second litre four-cylinder engine with 115 horsepower, or a 1.9 litre TDI fourcylinder diesel unit. The diesel engine uses less fuel, though the simple 2.0 litre gas engine should inexpensively meet

the needs of most drivers. Later in the Beetle's life. a 1.8 litre turbo four cylin-

der engine was available with 150 horsepower, and a 2.5 litre five-cylinder unit eventually replaced all of the above as Beetle's sole engine option. Manual, au-tomatic and "Tiptron-

ic" gearboxes were all available - depending on the model.

The gist? It shouldn't be hard Gear to find a Beetle that's just perfect for your needs and budget.

> WHAT OWNERS LIKE: The upscale interior, fun-todrive factor and fuel consumption ratings are primary points of owner

praise. Stereo systems with iPod integration were appreciated, as was the re-fined overall experience.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: The two biggest gripes reported by owners deal with visibility and trunk space though some note squeaks and rattles that develop over time, too.

**COMMON ISSUES:** Looking at a TDI model? Be sure the idle is relatively smooth and free of missing, which could indicate a compression problem or potential engine damage.

Be sure the 1.8 litre turbo engine, if equipped, idles

and pulls smoothly, too. These engines were known for frustrating failures of the electric coil packs that fire the spark plugs. If the engine 'misses', that's likely what's going on.
Also, be sure the timing

belt on the turbo engine is within its service life and that oil changes were carried out within prescribed limits. Suffice to say a poorly-maintained 1.8T engine is not a desirable thing to own.

THE VERDICT: The used New Beetle comes standard with a great sense of community and great driving dynamics. It's also a great candidate for a thorough pre-purchase mechanical inspection and extended warranty opt-in.



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# Internal combustion fights back

guy mad. That's something learned in painful sixth grade incident, and some-

thing the "alternative energy" people are learning right now.

These folks have been bragging in the schoolyard how hydrogen-based fuel

cells, or electricity from the grid, or some proton accelerator device used in combination with goat dung, are soon going to put the gasoline-fueled internal-combustion (IC) engine in its place.

Well that may happen, but it's not happening as quickly as their cheerleaders might have surmised. Some delay is due to the fact that these new technologies can't seem to get their act together, particularly when it comes to infrastructure.

Another factor holding up the revolution is that the IC engine is fighting back with a vengeance. Its kicks are finding shins and soft places.
There's also a deadline

looming to keep the IC troops in fighting trim; U.S. legislation calls for a corporate fleet average of 35 mpg by 2016. The uncertainty in the alternative stuff means the IC engine needs to be very much in play in 2016, and that they need to be much better than they are now.

Here are some of the new ways automakers are using to make the IC engine more efficient:

### More Electric Components: A

lot of pumps and things that previously were driv-en off the engine via belts are now going electric. Electric steering is almost across the board now, and this season, we're seeing a **AutoPilot** Michael Goetz

few vehicles with electric water pumps. (The IC motor in the Toyota Prius, for

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### example, has absolutely no drive belts.) Decoupling on components:

When not called up, some air-con compressors basically de-couple themselves from the engine. The new BMW 550i Gran Turismo now features an alternator that de-couples (via a clutch), and is only connected and working when the vehicles is decelerating or braking. In this way it produces electricity without drawing virtually any power from the engine.

Regenerative braking: To make sure there is enough

brid feature that will soon migrate to non-hybrid vehicles is auto stop-start, which shuts your engine down as soon as the vehicle stops, and starts it up again, as soon as you get back on the gas. It's available now on some non-hybrid European models, like the diesel BMW 1 Series.

Fuel shut off: Of course there is continuing development of powertrain systems, like turbo charging, direct injection, variable valve trains, engine computerization, etc. Some automakers, such as Ford. have programmed their computers to completely shut off fuel to the cylinders, when the vehicle is coasting.

Keeping the driver informed: We'll see more gauges and displays to prompt and/or help the driver operate the car, and its IC engine, in a more efficient manner.

The rumour that a certain automaker is thinking of using a retractable electric cattle prod to discourage "fuel-ish" driving behaviour is only exactly that at this point - just a ru-

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The BMW 550i Gran Turismo is the first "non-hybrid" North American vehicle to feature regenerative braking, a system that converts the potential energy of the moving vehicle into electrical juice.









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Ford eves new cop car

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brake disc's performance,

which Audi is working on

integrating into its vehicles. Nothing is too small to be

considered: even grams of

weight add up. "We want

the lightest and strongest

body at a proper cost," Timm says. "Sporty, pro-

gressive and sophisticated:

this is the principle of Au-

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# Audi's light touch

## Weight issues? Automaker trimming the fat

JIL MCINTOSH

When it comes to cars, weight can be the enemy A lightweight car accelerates faster, handles better, and uses less fuel — the reason Audi has dedicated its Aluminum and **Lightweight Design Center** in Germany to tackling the problem.

It isn't the only automaker working on lightweight technology, but it's a leader in the field. Its aluminum Audi Space Frame construction, currently found in the A8, R8 and TT models, has been an essential tool for 15 years. Last year alone, the company applied for 38 lightweight patent designs.

"In 1982, light-**Driving** weight design became part of our **Force** philosophy," says Heinrich Timm, head of the Design Center. "We are facing global trends, such as fuel prices, transportation and infrastructure. The components of electric and hybrid vehicles are heavy, and will require lightweight technologies to balance them.'



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Heinrich Timm, head of Audi's Design Center

Building a lighter car isn't as simple as just making a steel part out of aluminum.

Audi must consider how to shape and fasten the material, if it can be reliably sourced and volume-built, and if it lends itself to assembly-line production. Reducing weight on one part of the car requires balancing it elsewhere. Cost also becomes a factor: much of Audi's cutting-edge technology is found on its priciest models, since these new materials are still very expensive.

The designers also remove anything that isn't necessary. "Use the best material at the right place, and as little of it as possible,"

Timm says.

The company took its cues from nature: bones and elephant skulls are hollow, braced inside with just enough bone provide vital support, and Audi builds parts the same way. In crash testing, a thin-walled aluminum strut with interior bracing stands up better than a thick-walled piece of steel, and is a fraction of its weight.

Not everything at the Center goes straight to the assembly line, but each project yields new insight. The company shows a "hybrid" brake disc, so-called because it combines several innovative materials. It's a fraction of the weight of a conventional one, but far too expensive and difficult to manufacture for volume production. Still, its design has led to a new pin connector that improves a regular







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## Challenger in Crazy colour inch polished-chrome her-

SPECIAL EDITION Dodge has announced an exclusive production run of the 2010 Dodge Challenger R/T Classic and SRT8 featuring the classic Plum Crazy Pearl Coat exterior colour.

Both will be built at the Chrysler production plant

in Brampton, Ont. Based on the powerful 2010 Dodge Challenger R/T, the Dodge Challenger R/T Classic Plum Crazy edition is the first to offer dual throwback A-line body-side R/T stripes in matte black or new bright white.

Completing the look are Challenger badges classic script, large 20-

itage wheels with all-season performance tires, classic egg-crate grille with heritage "R/T" badge, body-color rear spoiler, functional hood scoop and chromed fuel-filler door. When it's time to deliv-

er, the Plum Crazy R/T Classic can accelerate from 0-60 mph in less than 6 seconds with its powerful 376 hp and 410 lb/ft of torque 5.7-litre Hemi V8 engine.

The 2010 Dodge Challenger SRT8 version delivers even more punch and

torque.

exclusivity with its 6.1-litre Hemi -8 engine producing 425 hp and 420 lb/ft of FROM CARGUIDE **18** 

Forget being in Times Square on New Year's Eve — if you can't wait to leave 2009 behind, New York City is also planning a Good Riddance Day event, where you can write down those bad memories and shred them. The date will be posted at timessquarenyc.org. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





## Return to the rooftops

New Year's Eve fireworks will return to the rooftops of Las Vegas Strip hotels to ring in 2010 after ground-level displays disappointed revellers last year. "We're moving the fireworks show back to where it should be," said Pat Christenson, ent of the event promoter, Las Vegas Events. The \$550,000 US fireworks show will be fired from atop seven tall hotels, and the street will again be closed to form a pedestrian mall for the event.

# Snow is more fun in Ischgl

In this Tyrolean village, dubbed the 'alpine Ibiza,' the après-ski is non-stop

CÉLIA PEDROSO Metro World News

While other European ski resorts are still waiting for prime conditions, winter sports enthusiasts know they can find snow in Ischgl. This charming village in the Tyrol, in southern Austria has 215 kilometres of runs, and 90 per cent of them are above 2,000 metres.

The resort suits both novice and expert skiers and snowboarders, but also attracts those whose specialty is après-ski.

Experienced skiers will excellent black-diamond and off-trail areas between 1,400 and 2,900 metres. In fact, the resort technically known as the Ischgl/Samnaun Silvretta Arena — has been regularly voted among the top 10 European ski re-

Party time begins in the Patznauner Taja hut, where you can drink the local Jagatee (tea spiked rum or Austrian Schnapps). Strategically located at the end of run No. 1 you can find more watering holes: the Trofana-Alm, and the famous Kuhstall (which means cow barn).

These are some of the best bars, but the truth is that in Ischgl there is après-ski to be found everywhere.

You'll soon understand why Ischgl is known as the "alpine Ibiza," and how quickly winter sports activities can be forgotten.



Above, signs point the way to global destinations against a backdrop featuring the Tyrolean Alps.

The nightlife continues at the crowded Pacha and Coyote Ugly, clubs where you can run into people like Paris Hilton or Tina Turner, should that appeal.

The ski area connects Austria to Switzerland and it's worth skiing down to the latter country to buy

watches, perfume and cigarettes at wallet-friendly prices: Samnaun, on the Swiss side, is a duty-free area. There are border facilities, and you should take your passport. To return to Ischgl, you must use the large cable car at Samnaun.

The best way to chill out after all this activity might be to spend a few hours in the Spa and Wellness Centre at the boutique Hotel Madlein: Get a massage, a treatment or simply relax and meditate in the Fire Room, and gaze at the snow outside



The Pardorama, a mountain restaurant at Ischol.



The Fire Room, part of the spa at the Hotel Madlein.

## Good to know

 Hotel Garni Caroline, a budget option, from about \$750 for one week, with ski pass and a meal. Also try the Silvretta Hotel, from \$990 per

 Restaurant Pardorama, at Pardatschgrat, features modern architecture and a great view. In the village, try the pizzeria Bära Falla.

Try Tyrolean cuisine in the

huts, particularly the mountain cheese Paznauner Almkäse and the Tiroler Knödelsuppe (bread and bacon meatballs).

 Avoid school holiday time. Off-peak you'll find good offers and the runs are quieter. To get there, fly into Innsbruck airport and then take the skishuttle or rent a car.

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# **Highlights of the Cowichan**

## New guide points out treasures of this Vancouver Island region

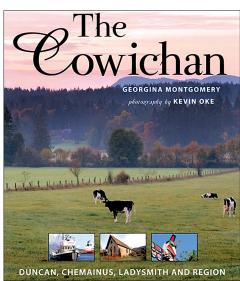
The centre of Duncan, B.C. a Vancouver Island community — always comes as a pleasant surprise for visitors, says Georgina Montgomery, author of a new book on the island's Cowichan region.

Downtown Duncan is nothing like what motorists see along the Trans-Canada Highway which runs through the city - a series of strip malls, gas stations, car dealerships and fast-food outlets.

Instead, just a few blocks west of the highway lies the city centre — "a near-perfect example of the small-is-beautiful principle at work," Montgomery writes in The Cowichan (Harbour Publishing).

"People arriving here for the first time from the highway, whether by error or impulse, often react as though they've just stumbled into the Lost City of Ubar," she says in the book.

Duncan is known as the City of Totems for its outdoor collection of 80 totem poles. Among them is the world's largest diameter



The Cowichan: Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith and Region (Harbour Publishing) by Georgina Montgomery and Kevin Oke is available for \$23.06 at amazon.ca.

totem, measuring almost two metres across at the base. The city's other big claim to fame is the world's largest hockey stick, which

is 62.5 metres long.

Montgomery suggests visitors spend a day in Duncan seeing the totems, touring the Quw'utsun'

Cultural Centre and the Cowichan Valley Museum, and checking out the shops, galleries and restaurants.

The Trans-Canada also runs through Ladysmith, B.C., but that town has managed to avoid the type of commercial development that has plagued Duncan, Montgomery says.

Its hillside setting, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, "serves up a fortune in water views."

The Cowichan, a 3,730-square-kilometre region near the southern end of the island, has a growing reputation as an outdoor playground, with activities ranging from scuba diving and sailing to golf, cycling, swimming, hiking and whitewater kayaking.

In the south Cowichan, Montgomery suggests walking or cycling along the Trans Canada Trail to see the Kinsol Trestle near Shawnigan Lake. It's the largest remaining wooden railway trestle in the British Commonwealth.

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## Roy's home named historic site

WINNIPEG One hundred years after the birth of celebrated novelist Gabrielle Roy at 375 Deschambault St. in southeast Winnipeg, the 2 1/2-storey wood-frame house has been named a national historic site. Roy lived there for 28 years, until 1937. The building, located in a quiet residential neighbourhood in St. Boniface, is now a museum dedicated to the author and her work.

Born March 22, 1909, the youngest of 11 children, Roy became one of Canada's most widely read and studied novelists. She described and idealized her

family home in several of her works, particularly Street of Riches. Shelley Glover, MP for St. Boniface, unveiled a plaque earlier this month commemorat-THE CANADIAN PRESS









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Ready for some more old-school Melrose Place fireworks? A rep for the CW says Heather Locklear (Amanda) Daphne Zuniga (Jo), Josie Bissett (Jane) and Thomas Calabro (Michael) will reunite in the fabled courtyard of the apartment complex in an episode set to air early next year. usmagazine.com

# Entertainment



## GQ's man

Helms, Chris Pine, Clint **Fastwood and President** 

BRIAN COULTON Metro World News

TV SHOW Cory Monteith never considered himself a triple threat

He could sing, but never sang before, he played drums in a band that never broke and his

acting credits included "Scooter Guy" "Teenage and Boy" as recently as 2007.

So when the Calgary, Alta.-born, Victoriaraised actor got played sports, and the call to play am 27-years-old playa principal role in breakout TV ing high school." musical come- Cory Monteith dy Glee, it's un-

surprising he felt just a little overwhelmed.

"I didn't really understand what this thing was going to be, it would change my day-to-day life," he said days following an appearance at the Gemini Awards in his hometown "It occurred to me, when I had five people on speakerphone call me at once and say, 'You've got it!' ... just the tone in their

scope of this project." for him. Thankfully Monteith soon understood the Glee creators weren't looking for the consummate performer, but some-

voices explained a lot to

me about the size and

one newer to singing and dancing. Monteith wasn't only inexperienced outside drama. Having dropped out of high school in grade 9, he didn't exactly appear to fit the bill of his high school quarterback-turnedglee club chanteur character, Finn Hudson, either.

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"It's a little surreal, playsurreal, play- ing this all-American jock when I'm Canadian. played sports, and am

27-yearsold playing high school,

The high school theme hasn't waned over the years, and the addition of per-formance to it commonepisode of ly induces reference Glee airs on to wildly popular

franchise High School Musical, a comparison Monteith has tired of.

"If High School Musical hadn't come first, Glee would have done better numbers," he said with a

"I think there wouldn't have been all those people going, 'Oh, well they're just trying to rip off High School Musical'

# Glee star unlikely choice to be lead Giving it the Dahl touch

Fantastic Mr. Fox director tried to keep film close to author's style

## Movie feature

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Over the course of his career, Wes Anderson has es-

tablished a very specific style of filmmaking whether he wanted to or not.

"Something that I'm not quite able to regulate comes through, I suppose, he admits. "Maybe it's the

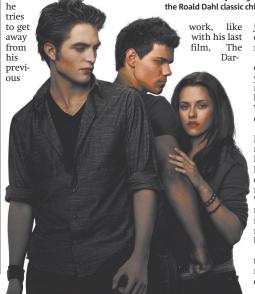
color palette, the shooting style, the use of music. It ends up seeming that way, maybe because I'm making the decisions, but it's not because I wanted it to feel like another thing I did.'

And even

when



Director Wes Anderson adjusting his characters on the set of Fantastic Mr. Fox, an adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic children's book.



jeeling Limited, he can't escape the Wes Andersonness of his work.

"A lot of people said, 'I can see this is a lot like your other movies,'" he remembers. "And I felt like, but we've gone to India. We're on a train. It's totally different."

True to form, Anderson's latest, a stop-motion ani-mation adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic The Fantastic Mr. Fox, has that certain something that makes it indisputably a Wes Anderson movie, as much as he tried to avoid it. "My goal was to try to make it as Dahl as possible," the director says.

But his touch is unmistakable — and with good reason, as Anderson felt a deep, per-

## **Opening date**

The Fantastic Mr. Fox opens in movie theatres on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

sonal connection to the

"This was the first book that I legally owned in our household that was my property," he says. "I still have it, and it still has a little plate in it with my name from the school book fair."

And in a more thematic sense, the titular Mr. Fox (voiced by George Clooney) fits in well with Anderson's stable of rascal father figures, from Gene Hackman in The Royal Tenenbaums to Bill Murray in The Life Aquatic with Števe

"I'm drawn to characters like that," Anderson says. "As a kid, I really liked the character of Mr. Fox because it wasn't just that he rescued his family, but that he got them into trouble in the first place. Something about that, I feel like I re sponded to."

Adapting the story for the screen was the easy What Anderson found difficult was adapting his own filmmaking style to the world of animation. "I wanted to shoot it the same way I would a live action movie, which, in the end becomes ... extremely challenging,"

## **Entertainment** in brief

LITERARY AWARDS Kate Pullinger has won the Governor General's Literary Award for fiction for her The Mistress of Nothing. Acclaimed Toronto fiction writer M.G. Vassanji nabbed the Governor General's Award for non-fiction for A Place Within: Rediscovering India.

PEREZ HILTON The lawyer for Black Eyed Peas manager Liborio (Polo) Molina says he hopes his case with celebrity blogger Perez Hilton will be dealt with in court today. Molina faces an assault charge for allegedly striking Hilton outside a Toronto nightclub on June 22.

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# Twilight duo laugh off tabloid tales

Stars discuss the adjustment to spotlight, their co-star bulking up and their relationship

## Movie **feature**

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themselves.

With their characters entangled in such a deep, passionate love affair, it's only natural that fans would project the same emotions onto Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, and no one understands that better than the actors

completely understand why they want us to be together and all of that," says Stewart, referencing the endless tabloid stories about their supposed real-life romance. just have to not think about it?

For Pattinson, it's much easier to keep from blurring the lines between work and real life. "You've always got to remember that you're being paid," he

As successful as the book series was, the intense amount of fame and public



Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, stars of the Twilight series, how they laugh at the tabloid magazines that write about them.

scrutiny that came after the release of Twilight and hasn't let up since caught Stewart and Pattinson more than a little off-

But even though he's been in the tabloids on a weekly basis, Pattinson hasn't really registered the change in his public pro-

"I've been on set since Jan. 14. I've only had, like, still don't know how my life as really changed. I still feel pretty much exactly

the same."

But Pattinson admits some of the more outrageous coverage of him has made its way onto his "Some magazine had on the cover that I was pregnant," he remembers with a laugh. "But without

## On the web

 Watch a dramatic New Moon clip in which Edward swoops in to rescue Bella from the Volturi at metronews.ca

a hint of irony or anything. I didn't really know what to make of that. I don't even know if that qualifies as libelous because they can say, 'Well it's obviously fiction.

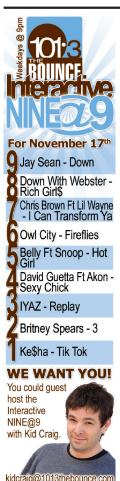
For Stewart, ignoring such stories was never a problem.

"The whole tabloid stuff is so obviously false to me, even before I became a part of it," she says. "It's like a ridiculous show, a soap opera. It doesn't bother me. I don't take it personally.

Or course, along with the more outrageous stories come more outrageous reactions from diehard fans - some of whom don't fit neatly into the expected age brackets, Pattinson has found. "There's a woman who her 90s," he says. "It's very unusual. And the older fans say exactly the same things as 12-year-old girls."

For Stewart and Pattinson, the biggest changes in dynamic for New Moon was the development of Jacob, played by Taylor Lautner, who grows into quite the eye-catching corner of the series' central love triangle. And while Lautner underwent plenty of scrutiny himself as he proved he could bulk up for the role, his co-stars were never worried. "I always knew Taylor could do Stewart insists. "Even seeing him walk around on set was a different experience. He's become a different person. He's just grown up.

"I didn't see Taylor until just a little bit before we started shooting," Pattin-son remembers of his costar's transformation. when he came back, I had the same reaction as everyone else, like, 'Jesus. Now I have to go to the gym."





## critics'corner

Cra\$h & Burn
And you thought insurance was dull. In this new series, Luke Kirby ("Slings and Arrows") plays Jimmy Burn, an ambitious insurance adjuster in Hamilton, who spends his days going after those trying to scam the system, from small-time con artists to members of organized crime. Leela Savasta ("Battlestar Galactica"), Caroline Cave ("The L Word"), Clark Johnson ("Homicide: Life on the Street") and Steve Bacic ("The Guard") also star. 6 PM on SHOW



Will (Matthew Morrison) has the glee club members split up into pairs to sing their favorite ballads, but he winds up in a sticky situation when he is forced to step in for a sick student. Finn (Cory Monteith) has dinner with Quinn's parents (guest stars Gregg Henry and Charlotte Ross). Lea Michele, Chris Colfer and Jane Lynch also star in the new episode "Ballad." 10 PM on CIHF. FOX

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Victoria Secret model becomes first-time mom

Victoria's newest secret: Model Adriana Lima and her NBA star husband have welcomed a baby girl to their family. Lima and Marko Jaric became first-time parents on Sunday in New York City. PEOPLE.COM

## **Celebrity Buzz**

# No full monty for baby daddy Judge dismisses suit

While his almost-motherin-law Sarah Palin hits

publicity trail this week for her autobiography Going Rogue, Levi Johnston will not be getting the exposure that originally had been promised, people.com re-

Contrary to earlier teases that the 19-year-old would leave nothing to the imagination in his Playgirl photo shoot, "He did not give 'full frontal' as his manager Tank (Jones) re-

ported he would," Daniel . Nardicio, spokesman for Playgirl, tells New York's News

The pictorial spread was shot last week.

NBC News reports that publicacember, has been pushed up to this coming Saturday, Nov. 21.

Still, said Nardicio, We're thrilled with the photos we got, and are confident people will love them, but although there may be glimpses, we did not get full on

frontal nudity. record, For the Palin told Oprah Winfrey Mondav that she considers Playgirl

She added, "It's kind of heartbreaking to see the road he is on right now.

As for the former Alaska's governor reach-out to Johnston with an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner at her house, the teen reportedly told Playgirl that this was "a nice gesture, but she didn't mean

The nude model also said having dinner with the Palins would be "awkward.'

SHE WROTE THE BOOK A federal judge in Massachusetts has dismissed a lawsuit accusing television personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck of plagiarism.

A federal lawsuit accused the co-host of ABC's The View of lifting content from a book written by selfpublished Cape Cod author Susan Hassett on the digestive disorder celiac disease. Hasselbeck's book was called The G-Free Diet: A Gluten-Survival

Guide and appeared on best-seller lists this year. U.S. District Judge Joseph

Tauro dismissed the lawsuit last week after Hassett's attorney declined to pursue it. The dismissal was first reported in the Boston Herald Satur-

day. CIATED

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## **Celebrity tweets**

Spencer Pratt goes after Al Roker after their interview is cancelled. Jonathan Ross has trouble with technoloprised by her appeal Down Under, and **Neil Patrick** Harris finally

joins Twitter. **Espencerpratt** @alroker is it true you have been married 6 times? I'm sure all your wives left you when they realized you were abusive to women! Sicko!

@wossy Wife bought me waterproof ipod to swim with. Looks exactly like my old, non-waterproof ipod shuffle. Guess which one i just took swimming?

ed with Prime Minister of Australia. The View is big there. Really.

@ActuallyNPH My first tweet, peeps. I apologize in advance for my

slow learning curve. Nice to (sort of) meet you. It's amazing how guickly 140 charac METRO WORLD

## Richie stays mum

WHAT'S THAT YOU DIDN'T SAY? Nicole Richie may have inadvertently let out more than she wanted about her relationship with Ioel Madden during a hearing

in Los Angeles Monday. While testifying against paparazzi Richie claims "stalk and harass" her, Richie's lawyer, Mark Geragos, referred to Madden as Richie's "husband" - and

didn't correct him, cording to People magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

## Giggles from Kate, but no comment

THAT'S HILARIOUS A rendering of Alex Rodriguez as a centaur gave Kate Hudson a case of the giggles, people.com reports.

When an MTV News reporter showed the actress a mock-up of her Yankees boyfriend as half-man half-horse, the actress blushed and laughed

but refused to confirm or deny Us Weekly's reports that such a painting exists in Rodriguez's bedroom.

"What is that?" she said of the mythologiimage, 'That's

horrible." When the reporter asked Hudson, 30, to clarify the story, she deflected. "That is the craziest thing anyone has asked me," she said.

"I don't indulge in those types of stories," she continued quietly, "As humorous you might think hey are.'

A former fling of Rodriguez recently insisted to Us Weekly Rodriguez actually had two centaur paintings created with his likeness.

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## Jackson keeps private

her late brother, Janet Jackson's life hasn't been as scrutinized. notes popeater.com. Throughout her career, she's maintained an aura of mys

terv. successfully keeping much of her private life private, adds the website, which looks at some of the rumours that have followed the singer.

Among them is a rumour that Jack-son has an 18year-old daughter named Re nee whom

she sup

posedly

James DeBarge — they married, but it was annulled a year later. Tongues were wagging in

July about her supposed break up with current man Iermaine Dupri because he didn't go to Michael Jackson's memorial. But these were recently deflated in People, which says they are planning to

wed. It wouldn't be the first time Jackson kept a marriage secret. She was married to Renee Elizondo: A long held secret that was divulged in 2000 after nearly 10 years when she filed for divorce. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Carter can't escape the IRS

THAT MAKES MORE SENSE There's a reason pop Aaron singer Carter was so crushed when he eliminated Dancing from with the Stars last

and according to TMZ it wasn't disappointment over losing. The website reports that documents have been filed in Los Angeles this week alleging that Carter owes the IRS more than \$1 million US in back taxes.

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# Stars gaga over video phone

GET DOWN ON IT Trust us: Beyoncé and Lady Gaga will make you wish you owned a video phone, people.com reports. The longtime popheavyweight and the latest hot thing on a micro-

phone have joined musical forces for the frenetically-Video Phone, paced which premiered on MTV and VH1 at\_ midnight yesterday. The gun-wield-

era-headed guys in suits \_(no, really) as they make apparent nods to Betty Page and the wartime flag of Japan.

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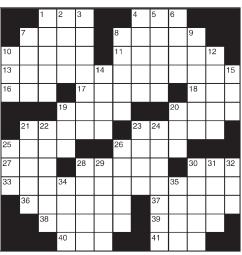




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## **Sudoku** For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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## **Take Five**



# Smoked Trout and Watercress Open Sandwich

### INGREDIENTS:

8 small-sized eggs 1 3/4 oz (50 g) watercress 4 tbsp (60 mL) mayonnaise 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice 8 thick slices rye bread 3 skinless smoked trout fillets, about 2 2/3 oz (75 g) each, flaked

## METHOD:

1. Simmer eggs in boiling water 1 1/2–2 minutes, depending on whether you prefer them slightly soft or medium boiled. Plunge into cold water and leave to cool.

2. While eggs are cooking, set aside a few watercress sprigs for garnishing, then roughly chop rest, discarding any very thick stems.

Mix chopped watercress, mayonnaise and lemon juice together.

3. Spread watercress mixture evenly over one side of each slice of rye bread, then top with flakes of smoked trout. Carefully peel shells off eggs, then cut each in half and arrange two egg halves on top of each open sandwich. Season with ground black pepper and garnish with reserved sprigs of watercress.

## **SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You don't have to be dishonest but you do have to keep information that might be useful to those who envy your success.

### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Take the time and make the effort to set the record straight and point out to your critics where your remarks have been misquoted.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
You are about to make a hugely important decision, one that could transform your life. No wonder you look worried. Change is good for you.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
What happens over the next two or three days will bring to light all manner of hidden things, but you've got nothing to hide – well, nothing too bad.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
There seems to be some tension in the air at the moment and it is unlikely to pass until the Sun changes signs on the 22nd

On the web

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SOMETIME DURING THE WASH CYCLE YOUR CLOTHES

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## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Don't be surprised if you find yourself hesitating for no apparent reason today. But your sixth sense tells you it might be wise to hang back. For now.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may like to think you are a logical person but you do in fact rely on the emotional side of your nature a lot. Don't

# think – feel. CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

The timing of meetings and social activities may have to be changed at the last moment today, but the changes will work in your favor.

### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may think you can do as you please and get away with it, and maybe you can, in the short-term, but over time everything evens itself out.

## **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
What you gain when the Sun changes signs on the 22nd will make up for anything you may have lost in recent weeks, so keep your spirits up.

### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The choices you make over the next few days will have a huge impact on the direction your life takes over the next few months, so make them wisely.

## FEB 19-MARCH 20

A relationship can and must be revitalized but it won't happen until you stop looking back at what happened in the past.

# TAKE A BREAK FROM WORK

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## This day in history

326: The old St. Peter's Basilica is consecrated.
1493: Christopher Columbus first sights what is now Puerto Rico.
1865: Mark Twain's story The Celebrated Jumping Frog of
Calaveras County is published in the New York Saturday Press.
1928: Release of the animated short Steamboat Willie, the first fully synchronized sound cartoon, directed by Walt Disney and Ub
Iwerks.

1963: The first push-button telephone goes into service.
1988: War on Drugs: U.S. President Ronald Reagan signs a bill into law allowing the death penalty for murder in regards to drug traffickers.

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